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Alleged CIA Secret Prisons in Europe

Question:

Have we received the letter from Jack Straw regarding allegations that the CIA has maintained secret prisons in Europe? What is your answer?

Answer:

- We received today a letter to the Secretary from Jack Straw on behalf of the European Union in which he asks for information from the United States regarding press reports about the alleged detention or transportation of terrorist suspects in or through EU member states.
- We are of course aware of those press reports and the parliamentary and public concerns they have created.
- As the Secretary and I have said, the United States will respond to the EU's inquiry as soon as we are able. In the meantime, we will of course remain in regular communication with our European allies about a wide range of issues, including the war on terrorism.

If Pressed:

What do you anticipate the United States will say in response to the letter?

- It would not be appropriate for me to speculate about that at this time.

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